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**Applicant:** Joseph William Epstein, et al.

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**Title:** 3-SUBSTITUTED-3-(SUBSTITUTEDSULFONYL OR  
SULFANYL)PYRROLIDINE-2,5-DIONES USEFUL FOR  
INHIBITION OF FARNESYL-PROTEIN TRANSFERASE

**Grp/A.U.:**

**Examiner:**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified patent application,  
please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.